

**Legislative Coordinating Commission
Airport Funding Advisory Task Force
Thursday, January 17th, 2008
Room 200 State Office Building**

PRESENT:

Rep. David Dill
Rep. Michael Beard
Rep. Ann Lenczewski
Sen. Michael Jungbauer
Sen. Dan Larson
Sen. Ann Rest
Alex Haak
Gordon Hoff (designate for Neil Brackin)
Mitch Kilian
Tracy Smith
Ray Strege
Harold Van Leeuwen
Bruce Wiley (designate for Eric Hynnek)
Gary Workman

EXCUSED:

Kimberly Johnson
David Maib
Kevin Rebman
Greg Reigel
Brian Ryks
Kevin Sliwinski

Sen. Jungbauer called meeting to order at 10:19 am.

Presentation by the Department of Revenue

Jack Mansun, Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Revenue (DOR), and Randy Sanford, Tax Research Division of DOR, gave an overview of a proposal that would increase the aviation fuel tax in order to generate approximately \$5 million. Mr. Sanford also reviewed the fuel tax in Minnesota as compared to other states. He then addressed the sales and use tax on non-commercial aircraft in terms of revenue. Mr. Sanford and Mr. Mansun stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Minutes

Rep. Dill moved approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2007 meeting. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Discuss possible hiring of a consultant

Ray Strege reviewed a draft of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for State Airport Funding Consulting Services. Discussion regarding the RFQ and the method by which to hire a consultant ensued. Rep. Lenczewski moved to allow the co-chairs finalize and send out the RFQ. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Time Extension for the Task Force

Rep. Beard moved to extend the deadline of the Airport Funding Task Force to report recommendations to the Legislature beyond the February 15, 2008 deadline. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Other business as determined by the co-chairs

Sen. Jungbauer reviewed goals for the task force. Those goals include: increasing the number of enplanements in Minnesota; identifying major competitors; identifying amenities offered in other states; and assessing user fees and tax fairness.

Ray Strege reviewed a cost estimate for improving safety and reliability for intermediate system airports.

There being no further business, Sen. Jungbauer adjourned the meeting at 12:14 pm.

Representative David Dill, Co-Chair

Senator Michael Jungbauer, Co-Chair